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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Schmidauer et al. *#1A/Bm*
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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MELTING OR REFINING GLASSES
OR GLASS CERAMICS
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above identified
patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-14 and replace them with claims 15-28
as follows:

15. A device for melting or refining of glasses or glass
ceramics comprising:

a plurality of pipes, said plurality of pipes forming a U-
shape and lying next to one another so that said plurality of
pipes form a cage-type skull channel open toward a top, said